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SUBJECT: EC ANTI-DUMPING ACTIVITIES

REF: BRUSSELS 16931

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH MISSION OFFICER, COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS INDICATED THAT PRESSURE HAS BEEN INCREASING ON THE COMMISSION TO OPEN ADDITIONAL ANTI-DUMPING/ANTI-SUBSIDY INVESTIGATIONS. THIS OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT INVESTIGATIONS ON SPANISH STEEL TUBES REPORTED IN REFTTEL MAY ONLY BE THE FIRST OF SEVERAL ON STEEL ITEMS. HE STATED THAT FIVE OR SIX COMPLAINTS ARE IN PREPARATION, ON STEEL AND OTHER PRODUCTS AND THAT SEVERAL OF THESE MAY BE ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION. ONE COMPLAINT,
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ABOUT WHICH HE WAS UNWILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AT THIS POINT, INVOLVES A US FIRM. OFFICIAL PROVIDED A LIST OF COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS WHICH IS BEING REPORTED BY AIRGRAM.

2. IN DISCUSSING COMMISSION PHILOSOPHY ON ANTI-DUMPING, EC OFFICIAL CONTINUES TO SEE ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS

AS A TOOL TO BE USED SPARINGLY TO RELIEVE SPECIFIC PRESSURES. ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATIONS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAINTAIN THE CREDIBILITY OF THE TOOL BUT, UNLIKE WHAT IT VIEWS AS US PRACTICE, EC BELIEVES ANTI-DUMPING SHOULD BE USED SPARINGLY. COMMISSION OFFICIAL DID NOT DENY HOWEVER THAT INDUSTRY PRESSURE HAS BEEN INCREASING AND THAT FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS ARE MOST LIKELY TO INCREASE CONSIDERABLY IN NUMBER OVER THE SHORT TERM.

3. COMMENT: EUROPEAN INDUSTRY APPEARS TO BE TURNING INCREASINGLY TO ANTI-DUMPING AS AN ANSWER TO IMPORT PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN A SMALL NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS IN ORDER TO CONTRAST THEIR RECORD WITH THAT OF USG, MEMBER STATE AND INDUSTRY PRESSURE IS PRECLUDING THIS POSSIBILITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMMISSION IS AGAIN CONSIDERING EXPANDING ITS STAFF WORKING ON ANTI-DUMPING PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO MEET WORKLOAD.
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